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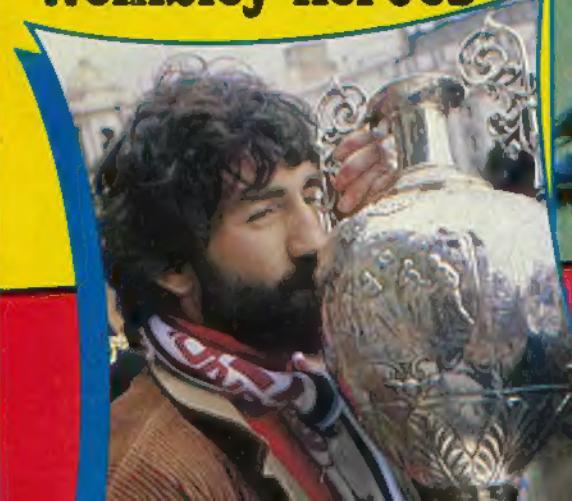
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Replay drama for
Wembley heroes



Ricky Villa
(left) and Gerry
Gow battle it
out in the
100th Cup
Final.

Villa's road to glory
A CHAMPION'S DIARY
BY DENNIS MORTIMER

HOME INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS...MAY 16 TO MAY 23



Now
we fear
no-one

John O'Neill

(N. Ireland and Leicester)

WE ARE out to retain the title and I firmly believe we have a great chance.

When we won the Championships last year we got rid of any inferiority complex.

Now, instead of going out against teams like England thinking we will get beaten, we fancy our chances.

It wasn't until after the England game last year that we realised we were in with a chance of taking the title.

We already had a 1-0 victory over Scotland under our belts when we went to Wembley and although things didn't look too good when we went 1-0 down to England with ten minutes to go we finally earned a draw.

We then had to beat Wales, which we did, although they gave us our hardest game of the tournament.

So often in the past when Northern Ireland have played their final game against Wales the only thing at stake has been the wooden spoon.

Now it's different and we don't fear anyone.

Our game is based on a team performance so it's hard to pick out individuals, but whenever I have played alongside Chris Nicholl of Southampton I've learned so much from him.

Goalkeeper Pat Jennings is one of the best in the world and Martin O'Neill does a great job in mind.

But we don't have what you

might class individual superstars and it's a great family atmosphere when we get together.

I remember the first time I joined the squad three years ago — the other players made me feel as though I had known them all my life.

As for this year's tournament we have two matches at home and the first of those is against England on Saturday.

That will probably bring us up against Trevor Francis of Nottingham Forest — the quickest player I've ever played against over five yards.

England haven't been having the best of times, but they still have some great players.

We must try and keep it tight for the first 20 minutes — that way our confidence will grow and they will get frustrated.

Our second match is against Scotland at Hampden where we earned a 1-1 draw in a World Cup game a couple of months ago.

They've had their problems in getting the right blend, but in that last meeting Steve Archibald of Spurs looked sharp and Everton's Asa Hartford made a difference when he came on.

Our final match is against Wales. They have done great in their World Cup matches.

If he plays, Ian Rush of Liverpool will be one for us to watch in that one and if things have gone well it will be a game full of passion.



Asa Hartford

(Scotland and Everton)

OUR recent World Cup victory over Israel has given the Scottish side a confidence booster.

Israel are not the greatest side in the world, but in the past Scotland have faltered against lesser teams in front of their own fans.

So it was pleasing that the team played well to record a more than deserved 3-1 victory.

Having finished bottom of the Championships last year, we are determined to put the record right this time.

I think manager Jock Stein will be experimenting with a view to next year's World Cup finals.

We start with a visit to Wales who are going great guns in the World Cup. We lost on our last trip to Wales and so we can expect a hard time.

They haven't any outstanding individuals, but manager Mike England has them working hard

England
love to beat
us

as a team.

The home clash with Northern Ireland will be a repeat of the recent World Cup clash in which the Irish deservedly picked up a point.

There won't be the same sort of pressure this time and we'll be out to turn the tables.

Martin O'Neill is one of their key men and Gerry Armstrong of Watford is a real handful to any defence with his 'bull in a china shop' style.

Then it's down to Wembley for the big one. They say it's the only game Scotland wants to win, but I can tell you the England players feel the same way. They love to put one over on us Jocks.

They haven't been playing particularly well, but they have players with plenty of potential like Trevor Francis.

If they could hit form together they would be a real handful.

HOME INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS...MAY 16 TO MAY 23

THE Home International Championships kick off on Saturday and this year they take on a special meaning — falling as they do bang in the middle of the qualifying campaign for the World Cup finals.

In this special Match preview, four top stars reveal their hopes in the battle for National pride . . .

Our
chance to
experiment



Carl Harris (Wales and Leeds)



Outsiders?
Not
anymore

THE Home internationals will provide an ideal build-up to our World Cup qualifier against Russia at the end of the month.

I believe Wales are just two home wins away from Spain and the week long tournament against the Home Countries is the best sort of preparation.

If Wales are to stand a chance of winning we've got to get off to a good start. Another 4-1 win over England in the opener would be a dream.

England are under pressure at the moment because of a string of disappointing performances, but they'll still be hard to beat.

They must be one of the favourites because they'll be playing two of their three games at Wembley and home advantage is very important. Northern Ireland surprised

everybody last year by winning the tournament and once again they'll be a force.

We lost 1-0 to them last time and I was very impressed by their teamwork. They didn't have a star player — they just played well together.

There was a time when ourselves and Ireland used to be the outsiders but not anymore.

Because there are more quality players around nowadays we can compete on an equal basis with England and Scotland.

Mike England played an important part in Wales' development.

He's got us on the verge of a World Cup finals appearance by knitting us into a team and making us work for each other.

Kenny Sansom (England and Arsenal)

ENGLAND will be without so many regulars that manager Ron Greenwood has a chance to bring in new faces and experiment.

With the Liverpool and Ipswich lads involved in European club finals, Ron has been robbed of the likes of Phil Thompson, Phil Neal, Ray Clemence, Paul Mariner, Eric Gates and Russell Osman.

So there's scope for the manager to give players on the fringe of international honours a run out.

I enjoy these England get-togethers because I believe it's very important that we spend as much time together as possible.

Because of our crowded League programme we don't get enough time to prepare for matches so any extra we can snatch together is a bonus.

We've got a World Cup qualifier against Switzerland coming up at the end of the month so it's important for us to string a couple of good results together before that vital game.

And after our recent disappointments we'll be under pressure from the fans to do well.

It's not going to be easy in the Home Internationals because Wales and Northern Ireland have improved tremendously in the last couple of years.

Wales have done particularly well and must be the most improved of the four.

The upsurge in Welsh football is typified by Swansea, who've just been promoted to the First Division for the first time in their history.

I've got special reason for wanting to beat the Welsh in our opening game at Wembley.

My Arsenal team-mate Peter Nicholas keeps ribbing me about our last meeting when they won 4-1.

We've got two games at Wembley and that's going to be good for us.

We don't usually play very well at home and a couple more games there will be good experience.

TURN over the page for a special facts and figures guide to the Home Internationals . . . and find out who Match is News' Editor Paul Stratton is tipping for victory.



THEY RAN until they dropped at Wembley on Saturday. The tackles came in hard and fast . . . the pitch soaked up stamina like a sponge . . . but no-one shirked the challenge.

Graham Roberts' blood-stained shirt was a banner for the fighting spirit.

It was total commitment. The picture's of Match photographer Duncan Cubitt tell their own story.



Above left: Garth Crooks is the man on the deck, but City's Tommy Hutchison, fist clenched, isn't happy with the Spurs striker's tackle.

Above: Spurs' Glenn Hoddle tussles for the ball with City's grounded Dave Bennett.

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City's Ray Ranson (2) stretches out to rob the charging Tony Galvin of Spurs.

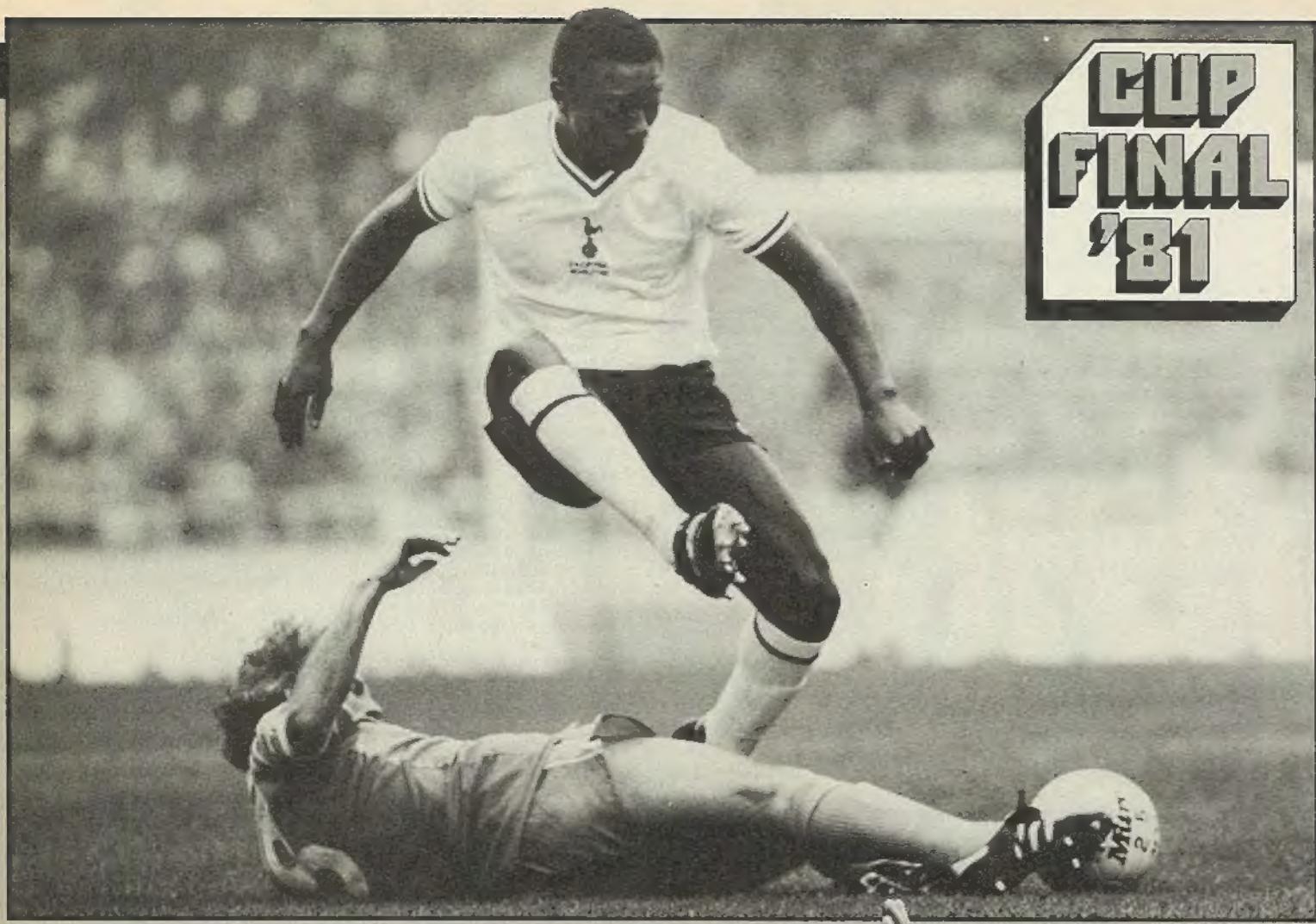


"I just felt sick for the lads and I felt I let them down a bit with the own goal. As for my goal it was just instinct really. Given the choice I would probably have preferred to bring the ball down instead". Manchester City's TOMMY HUTCHISON.

"Spurs deserved what they got but at the same time I felt the only way JOE CORRIGAN was going to be beaten was with something like a deflection. We have been climbing mountains since last October and I see no reason why we can't continue to do that". City manager JOHN BOND.

"I had Hoddle's free-kick covered and there was no way it would have gone in — it may even have been going wide before it hit 'Hutch'. 'We can play better . . . a lot better' . . . Manchester City goalkeeper JOE CORRIGAN.

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THE CUP

"We have more talented players throughout the side and I think we are in with a great chance in the replay"
Spurs manager KEITH BURKINSHAW.

"I enjoyed every minute of the match, but I was disappointed with our midfield in the first half, and that's why City looked the stronger side then"
Spurs' OSSIE ARDILES.



A momentary breather for the two leg-weary teams at the end of normal time as the managers offer words of encouragement and the treatment boys go into action.

Top: Spurs' Garth Crooks leaps to avoid the lunging tackle of City's midfield aggressor Gerry Gow.

Right: Draped in Spurs favours, Ossie Ardiles gives a wave of thanks to the adoring Tottenham fans.





Peter Withe rises high to head Villa's second goal in their 3-0 win over Middlesbrough. It was great to finish our home programme in style, says Dennis.

HOW THE TITLE WAS WON

Villa's complete League record for the season.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORE	GATE
Aug 16	Leeds (A)	2-1	Morley, Shaw	23,401
Aug 20	Norwich (H)	1-0	Shaw	25,970
Aug 23	Man City (A)	2-2	Withe 2	30,017
Aug 30	Coventry (H)	1-0	Shaw	26,050
Sept 6	Ipswich (A)	0-1		23,192
Sept 13	Everton (H)	0-2		25,673
Sept 20	Wolves (H)	2-1	Hughes og, Geddiss	26,881
Sept 27	Crystal Pal (A)	1-0	Shaw	18,398
Oct 4	Sunderland (H)	4-0	Evans 2, Morley, Shaw	26,914
Oct 8	Man Utd (A)	3-3	Withe, Cowans pen, Shaw	38,831
Oct 11	Birmingham (A)	2-1	Cowans pen, Evans	33,879
Oct 18	Spurs (H)	3-0	Morley 2, Withe	30,940
Oct 22	Brighton (H)	4-1	Mortimer, Withe, Bremner, Shaw	27,367
Oct 25	Southampton (A)	2-1	Morley, Withe	21,249
Nov 1	Leicester (H)	2-0	Shaw, Cowans	29,953
Nov 8	West Brom (A)	0-0		34,001
Nov 12	Norwich (A)	3-1	Shaw 2, Evans	17,050
Nov 15	Leeds (H)	1-1	Shaw	29,106
Nov 22	Liverpool (A)	1-2	Evans	48,114
Nov 29	Arsenal (H)	1-1	Morley	30,140
Dec 6	Middlesb (A)	1-2	Shaw	15,557
Dec 13	Birmingham (H)	3-0	Geddiss 2, Shaw	41,101
Dec 20	Brighton (A)	0-1		16,425
Dec 26	Stoke (H)	1-0	Withe	34,658
Dec 27	Nott For (A)	2-2	Lloyd og, Shaw	33,930
Jan 10	Liverpool (H)	2-0	Withe, Mortimer	47,960
Jan 17	Coventry (A)	2-1	Morley, Withe	27,020
Jan 31	Man City (H)	1-0	Shaw	33,682
Feb 7	Everton (A)	3-1	Morley, Mortimer, Cowans	31,434
Feb 21	Crystal Pal (H)	2-1	Withe 2	27,203
Feb 28	Wolves (A)	1-0	Withe	34,693
Mar 7	Sunderland (A)	2-1	Evans, Mortimer	27,278
Mar 14	Man Utd (H)	3-3	Withe 2, Shaw	42,182
Mar 21	Spurs (A)	0-2		35,091
Mar 28	Southampton (H)	2-1	Morley, Geddiss	32,467
April 4	Leicester (A)	4-2	Withe 2, Bremner, Morley	26,032
April 8	West Brom (H)	1-0	Withe	47,998
April 14	Ipswich (H)	1-2	Shaw	47,494
April 18	Nott For (H)	2-0	Cowans pen, Withe	34,707
April 20	Stoke (A)	1-1	Withe	23,500
April 25	Middlesb (H)	3-0	Shaw, Withe, Evans	38,018
May 2	Arsenal (A)	0-2		57,472

● Villa's results first in each case.

Villa's

A CHAMPION'S

SCORING against my boyhood idols Liverpool realised a lifelong ambition . . . but the win against the former League Champions was also the turning point in Aston Villa's title assault.

The Villa players knew that our game against the mighty Reds was make or break.

If we were to make any headway in the Championship we had to beat Liverpool at Villa Park that Saturday in November.

Not only did we win . . . we won in style!

It was then I realised that the First Division Championship was within Aston Villa's grasp for the first time in 71 years.

That was one of the best days of the season for me. I scored — a goal I still remember vividly — and we gained revenge for our 2-1 defeat earlier in the season at Anfield.

But the season was punctuated with many other highlights . . .

Here are some of the games that stick out in the memory on our road to the title . . .

Learned from defeat

September 13: We lost 2-0 at home to Everton. Yes, I believe that defeat was a highspot because it made the team realise what concentration and effort was needed to win the hardest league in the world.

We took Sunderland apart

October 4: Sunderland, newly promoted to the First Division, came to Villa Park full of confidence.

We took them apart with goals from Allan Evans (2), Tony Morley and Gary Shaw.

Coppell helped us!

March 14: Drew 3-3 with Manchester United. It wasn't our performance that sticks out in my mind, although the game was a cracker.

It was Steve Coppell's comments after the match which helped us win the League.

He said Villa 'lacked the killer instinct'. We stuck his criticism — along with all the others — on a notice board at our training headquarters.

We looked at them daily and were determined to prove the people wrong.

MATCH WEEKLY columnist Dennis Mortimer, skipper of new League Champions Aston Villa, re-lives the highlights of a memorable season.

Finished in style

April 25: Villa finished their home programme in style with a 3-0 win over Middlesbrough. Despite the gale force winds and driving rain we proved to people that we deserved the title.

We know we deserve it

May 2: A day of mixed emotions for the team. We were crowned champions but got beaten 2-0 at Arsenal.

Many players felt the tension of the occasion, but the Championship is won over 42 games and not one.

We won more games than the rest of the First Division so we knew we deserved the title.

Not enough credit

There weren't that many lowspots to our season although we were very disappointed to lose both our matches against Ipswich.

On both occasions we felt we were the better team and we gave them victory at Villa Park through two terrible defensive mistakes.

A lot of people wanted Ipswich to win the Championship and it annoys me that we haven't received the credit we earned.

But in many ways the fact so many people tipped the Suffolk side helped us — it took the limelight away from us and we were able to get on with the job of winning matches.

● Next week I'll be telling you about the players who helped Villa to championship glory and our hopes for next season. See you then!

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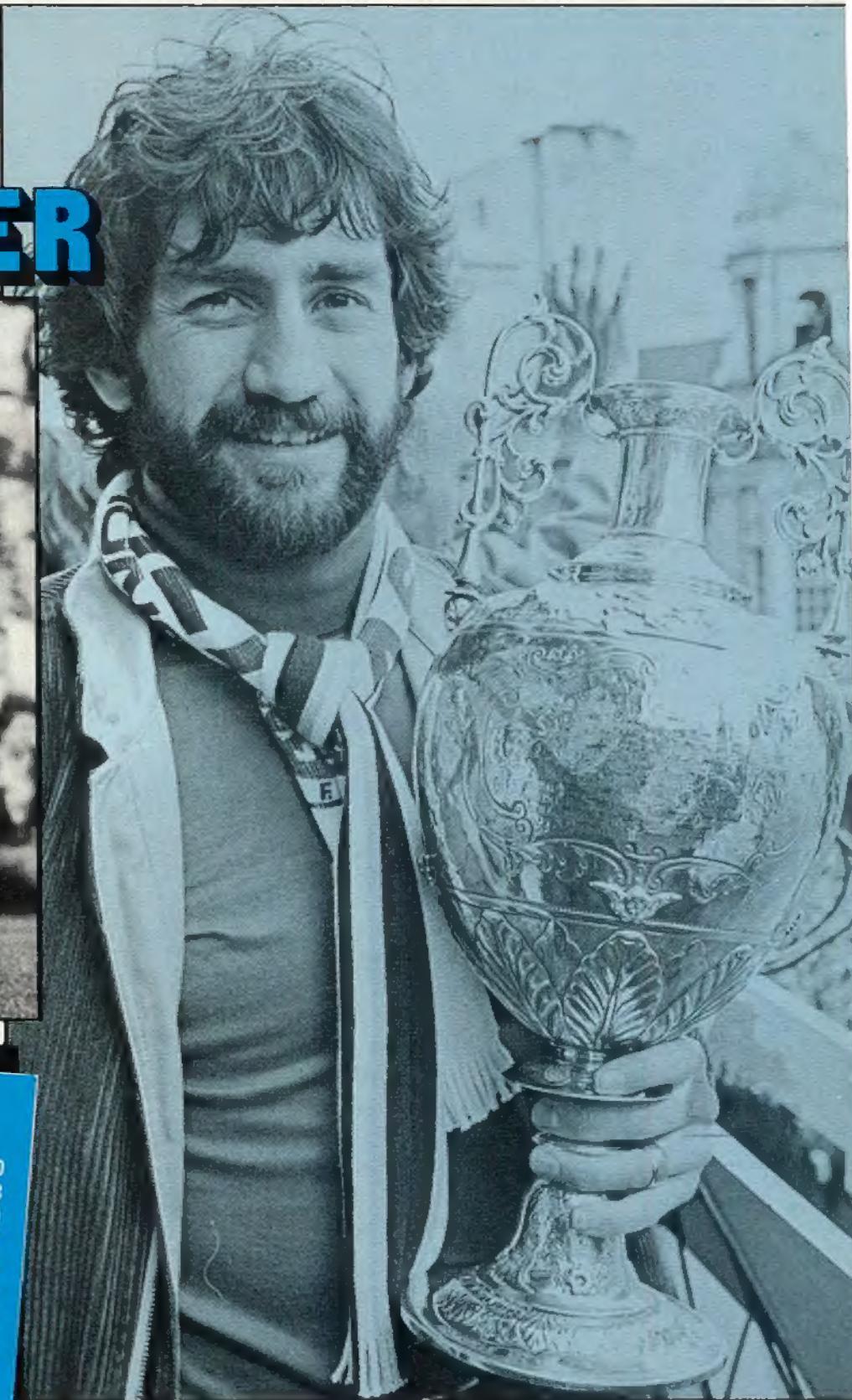
DIARY BY **DENNIS MORTIMER**



In championship mood — Tony Morley (left), Villa's third top scorer in the League, and Scots midfielder Des Bremner.

GOALSCORERS

Peter Withe	20
Gary Shaw	18
Tony Morley	10
Allan Evans	7
Gordon Cowans	5
Dennis Mortimer	4
David Geddis	4
Des Bremner	2
Own goals	2
Total	72



P is for..

- PELE, probably the greatest player of all time, whose golden performances for Brazil won them the World Cup three times.
- Bob PAISLEY, the record-breaking manager of European Cup finalists Liverpool.
- FA Cup final goalscorers like Ian PORTERFIELD, Sunderland's 1973 hero against Leeds, and West Ham's Stuart PEARSON, scorer of one of Manchester United's goals in the win over Liverpool in 1977.
- Former Hungarian star Ferenc PUSKAS, a member of the mighty Magyars team which destroyed England 6-1 at Wembley in 1953.
- Famous Football League clubs like PRESTON, the first Football League champions in 1889-90, and PORTSMOUTH, who won two successive League championships after the last war.
- Famed FA Cup giantkillers PETERBOROUGH, who set a Fourth Division goalscoring record of 134 goals when winning the title at the first attempt in 1960-61.
- Daniel PASSARELLA, who led Argentina to the World Cup in 1978, Sheffield United boss Martin PETERS, who scored the first goal in England's 1966 World Cup triumph over West Germany, and Leighton PHILLIPS, who is hoping to be in the finals next year with Wales.
- Scottish Premier side PARTICK Thistle, Division 1 champions in 1975-76, and top Scottish strikers like Willie PETTIGREW (Dundee United) and Davie PROVAN (Celtic).

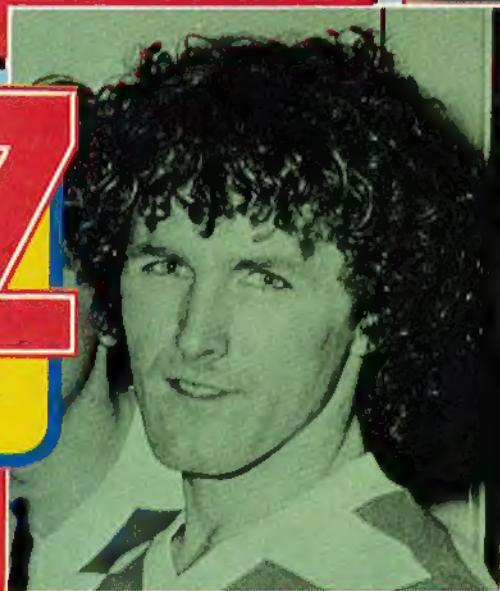
- World Cup teams like PERU, shock winners over Scotland in Argentina, POLAND, third in the 1974 World Cup, and PORTUGAL, main rivals to Scotland and Northern Ireland in the chase for final places in Spain.
- PENALTIES that often produce dramatic and controversial moments like Ray Stewart's late League Cup Final equaliser against Liverpool and John Robertson's League Cup Final winner against Liverpool in 1978.
- PROMOTION, the word that spells joy and heartache for so many clubs.
- Top PROFESSIONALS like PLATT and PROCTOR (Middlesbrough), PARKIN and PALMER (Wolves), Steve and Barry POWELL (Derby), PIKE and PEARSON (West Ham).

Right: P is for Norwich skipper Graham Padden.

A to Z of soccer

Did you know...

- Peterborough United, in their first season in the League, had the player who holds the post-war record for the most Football League hat-tricks anyone has scored in a season. Terry Bly claimed seven for them in Division Four in 1960-61.
- Portsmouth are saddled with the post-war record for the most home games on the trot without a win. Between victories against Burnley on November 22, 1958, and October 17, 1959, they played 29 League matches at Fratton Park without a win.



Above: P is for Scotland and Celtic favourite Davie Provan.

- The Powell family were responsible for the only case in history of father and son both debut at the age of 16, with the same club. Tommy Powell did so with Derby County in 1940 and son Steve in October 1971.



Stifled by Rumanians

ENGLAND's World Cup hopes suffered a set back when they were held to a goalless draw by Rumania at Wembley and 'Match' was there to bring you the first colour action.

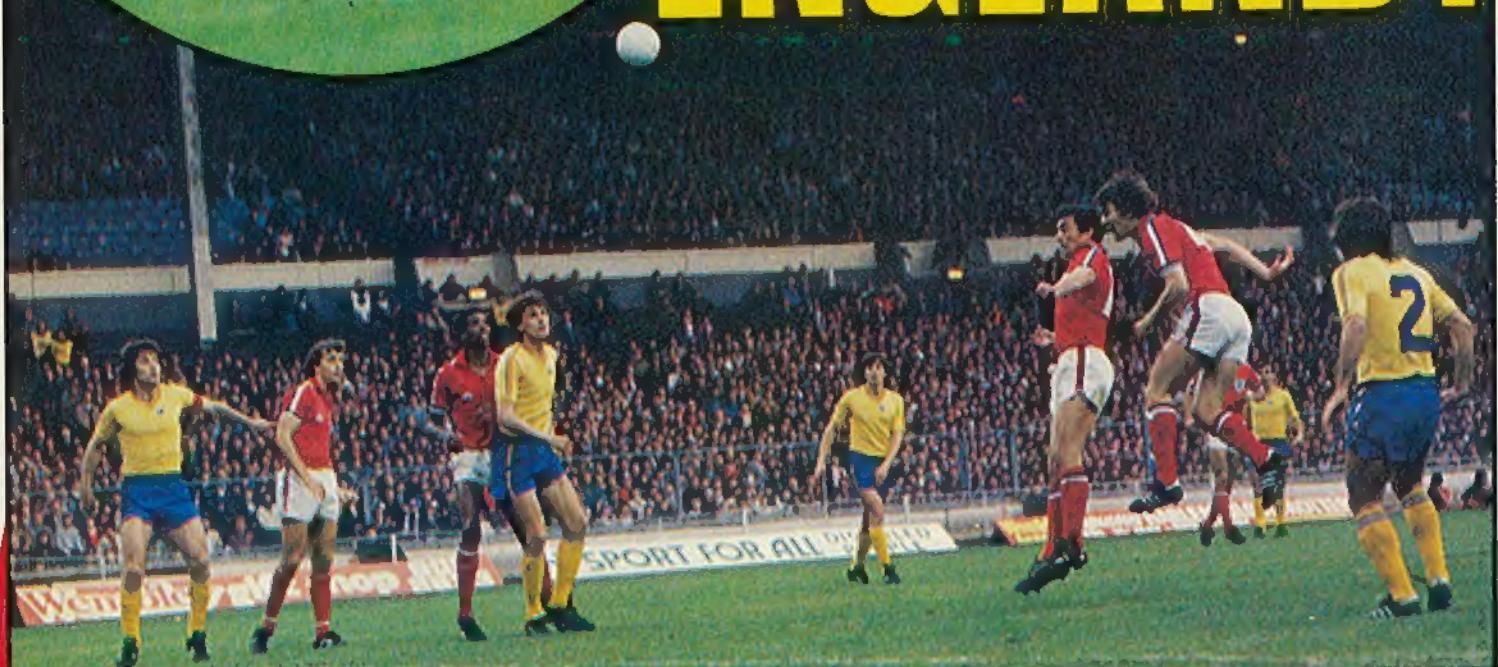
RIGHT: Tony Woodcock duels with Rumanian defender Nicolae Negrila.

BELOW: Steve Coppell — one of England's few successes — evades his marker to go on another of his flying runs down the wing.

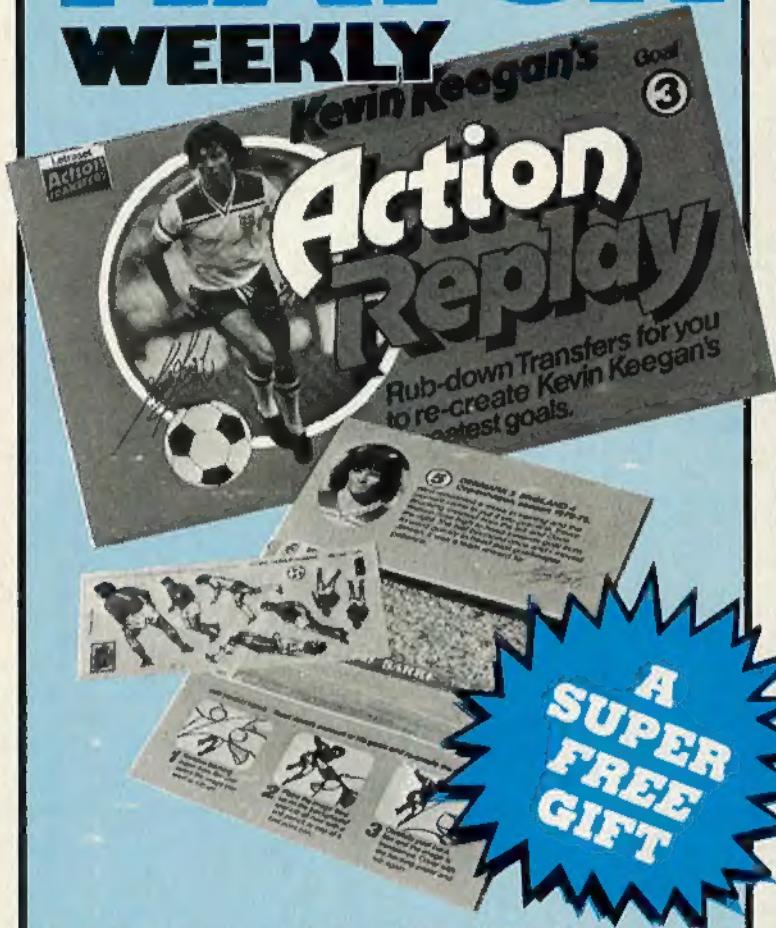
BOTTOM: The ball is on its way from the head of Trevor Brooking (third from right), but it finished wide of the target. The chance came as early as the fifth minute from a Coppell cross, with Robson thundering in behind Brooking.



OH, ENGLAND!



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Tottenham's Argentinian star Osvaldo Ardiles is the choice of 15-year-old Neil Croft, from Exeter. "With his skill in the Tottenham midfield, it's a treat to watch them," says Neil.



Right: Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Corrigan is the subject of this drawing by Grant Wharton of Cumbria, who says: "He's City's most consistent player and has been so loyal to the club. A major factor in City's success last season."

STAR GALLERY



Above: Peter Shilton of Nottingham Forest through the eyes of Gustavo Schaller (13) of Kew, Surrey. Says Gustavo: "He's the best goalkeeper in England ... and maybe the world as well."



Above: Ipswich striker Paul Mariner is the favourite player of Norwegian reader Vegard Solheim.



Left: Malcolm Browne (14) of Clabby, Co. Tyrone, N. Ireland, drew this picture of Everton's Joe McBride, and says: "He is so valuable to his club."

Germans back to their best for Spain

HANS-Peter Briegel is confident that the Germans can lift themselves back to their best for the World Cup next year, despite a poor showing in the Uruguayan *Copa de Oro* tournament.

The giant man-to-man marking specialist said: "We're forming into a good team and I think it will improve if the same players are kept together."

"If we continue at the same high level I think we can reach the semi-finals at least."

WEST Germany continued their impressive march to Spain with a 2-0 win over closest rivals Austria.

The Germans have picked up a maximum six points from their three Group One games.

Right: West German defender Hans-Peter Briegel believes his country can bounce back from their poor showing in the World Cup winners tournament in Uruguay.



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Scrapbook

weeks to go . . .

Boost for France

FRANCE boosted their chances of qualifying for Spain with a 3-2 win over Group Two leaders Belgium.

Cyprus are still looking for their first win. They lost 1-0 at home to Holland

Stars' five-goal spree

YUGOSLAVIA went on a five-goal spree in their Group Five game against Greece.

They beat the Greeks 3-1 and look the best bet along with Italy to qualify from the group.

Two for Sulser

GROUP Four dark horses Hungary finally got their World Cup campaign underway with a 2-2 draw in Switzerland. Grasshoppers star Claudio Sulser got both Swiss goals.

REINALDO RETURNS

WORLD Cup favourites Brazil have had a big boost with the incredible return to fitness and form of Reinaldo, who was told to give up the game in 1978.

Now after almost a dozen operations on his problem knees, he is back scoring goals and pressing for a regular international place again.

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"I said - I'm all for cancelling the match."

REFEREE to player: "Didn't I send you off five minutes ago?"

Player to referee: "Yes, but I thought I would give you a second chance!"

Darren Luxton, Mainstone, Plymouth.

TIME



by Mitch

FOOTBALL CRAZY



MAN City fan: "Is it true that Gary Bailey's nickname is Teflon?"

Man United fan: "Why do you say that?"

Man City fan: "Well he seems to have non-stick hands!"

Stuart Thomas, Neath, West Glamorgan.

If you know any good football jokes send them to 'Football Funnies', Match Weekly, Midgate House, Peterborough. We'll pay £2 for every one published.



Can you spot this famous foreigner?

SPURS' Argentinians Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa on Saturday became the first foreigners to play in an FA Cup final for over 25 years. Can you identify the last famous foreigner to achieve this distinction from the clues below? Each letter will, in order, spell his name:

- My first is in both HIBERNIAN and BRECHIN
- My second is in WOLVES but not MILLWALL
- My third is in RANGERS but not in DUNDEE
- My fourth is in PORTSMOUTH and also in PLYMOUTH
- My fifth is less in FOREST than in NOTTINGHAM
- My sixth is in SPURS but not in CITY
- My seventh is in ANFIELD but not in LIVERPOOL
- My eighth is both in BOURNEMOUTH and TORQUAY
- My ninth is in GARTH but not in CROOKS
- My tenth is MOTORWAY but not in ROAD
- My eleventh is in ARSENAL but not in Highbury
- My twelfth is in CORRIGAN but not ALEKSIĆ
- My thirteenth is in HAMPDEN but not in WEMBLEY

WHO AM I?



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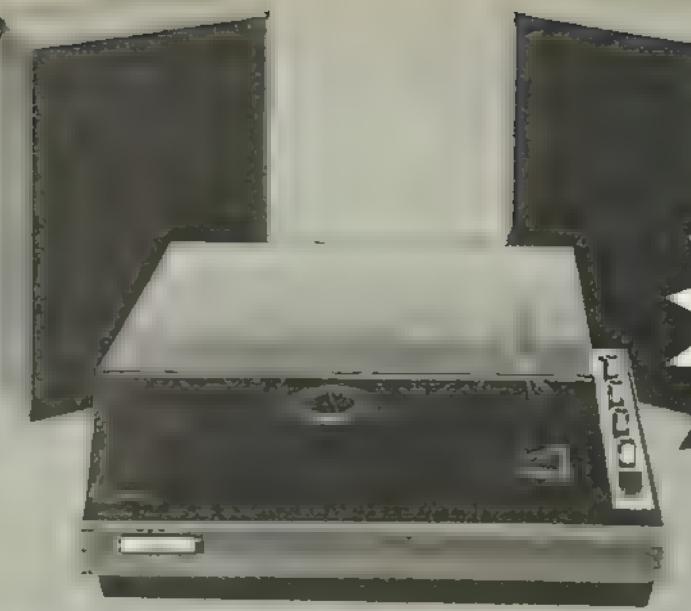
1 — I have always played for the same club with whom I won an FA Cup winner's medal in 1976 and a League Cup Final loser's medal in 1979. A midfielder, I am a real saint on the field. Who am I?

2 — I left England to play abroad after collecting a European Cup winner's medal and a League Championship medal with the same club. Now there are rumours that I will be returning to play in England again. Who am I?

3 — I am a midfield player with a Midlands First Division club which came close to playing in a cup final for the first time ever this season. I was born in Bedworth and am now aged 21. Who am I?

Answers to last week's quiz:
1. Nick Holmes, Southamton 2. Tony Woods, 3. Eddie Colgan, 4. Alan Dicks, 5. Alan Smith, 6. Brian Clough, 7. Steve Charlton, 8. Bryan March, 9. Steve Addison, 10. Steve Bruce, 11. Steve McManaman, 12. Alan Shearer, 13. Steve Bruce, 14. Steve McManaman, 15. Alan Shearer, 16. Steve Bruce, 17. Steve Bruce, 18. Alan Shearer, 19. Steve Bruce, 20. Steve Bruce, 21. Alan Shearer, 22. Alan Shearer, 23. Alan Shearer, 24. Alan Shearer, 25. Alan Shearer, 26. Alan Shearer, 27. Alan Shearer, 28. Alan Shearer, 29. Alan Shearer, 30. Alan Shearer, 31. Alan Shearer, 32. Alan Shearer, 33. Alan Shearer, 34. Alan Shearer, 35. Alan Shearer, 36. Alan Shearer, 37. Alan Shearer, 38. Alan Shearer, 39. Alan Shearer, 40. Alan Shearer, 41. Alan Shearer, 42. Alan Shearer, 43. Alan Shearer, 44. Alan Shearer, 45. Alan Shearer, 46. Alan Shearer, 47. Alan Shearer, 48. Alan Shearer, 49. Alan Shearer, 50. Alan Shearer, 51. Alan Shearer, 52. Alan Shearer, 53. Alan Shearer, 54. Alan Shearer, 55. Alan Shearer, 56. Alan Shearer, 57. Alan Shearer, 58. Alan Shearer, 59. Alan Shearer, 60. Alan Shearer, 61. Alan Shearer, 62. Alan Shearer, 63. Alan Shearer, 64. Alan Shearer, 65. Alan Shearer, 66. Alan Shearer, 67. Alan Shearer, 68. Alan Shearer, 69. Alan Shearer, 70. Alan Shearer, 71. Alan Shearer, 72. Alan Shearer, 73. Alan Shearer, 74. Alan Shearer, 75. Alan Shearer, 76. Alan Shearer, 77. Alan Shearer, 78. Alan Shearer, 79. Alan Shearer, 80. Alan Shearer, 81. Alan Shearer, 82. Alan Shearer, 83. Alan Shearer, 84. Alan Shearer, 85. Alan Shearer, 86. Alan Shearer, 87. Alan Shearer, 88. Alan Shearer, 89. Alan Shearer, 90. Alan Shearer, 91. Alan Shearer, 92. Alan Shearer, 93. Alan Shearer, 94. Alan Shearer, 95. Alan Shearer, 96. Alan Shearer, 97. Alan Shearer, 98. Alan Shearer, 99. Alan Shearer, 100. Alan Shearer.

YOUR QUIZ AND PUZZLE PAGE



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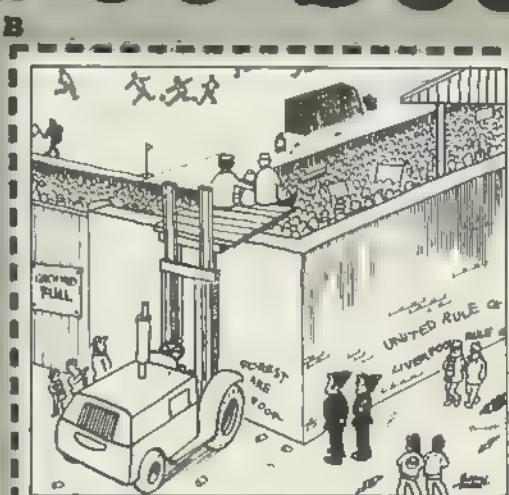
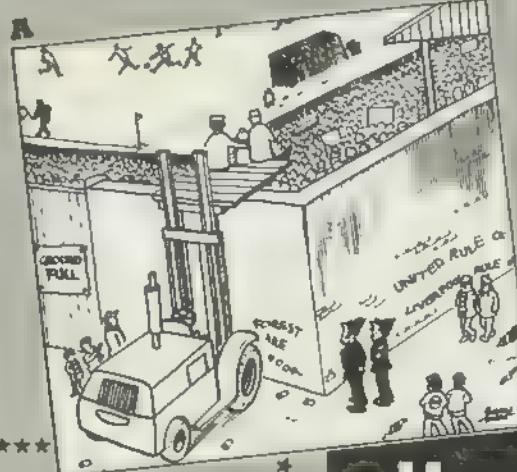
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Make sure your entry reaches us by Friday, May 22, and don't forget to look out for all eleven winners' names in the May 30 issue of Match.

- 1 Who did Liverpool beat in their first European Champions' Cup Final success?
- 2 Who scored Liverpool's winning goal against Bruges in the 1978 European Cup Final?
- 3 Real Madrid won the first four, five or six European Cups?
- 4 Which was the first British club to win the European Cup?
- 5 Which Dutch club won the European Cup three years on the trot?
- 6 Name the only Portuguese club to win the European Cup?
- 7 Who scored two of

European Cup Quiz

Manchester United's goals in their 1968 European Cup Final win at Wembley?
 8 Who did Leeds lose to in the 1975 European Cup Final?
 9 Name the only French side to reach a European Cup Final?
 10 Who scored Nottingham Forest's winning goal in last season's European Cup Final?

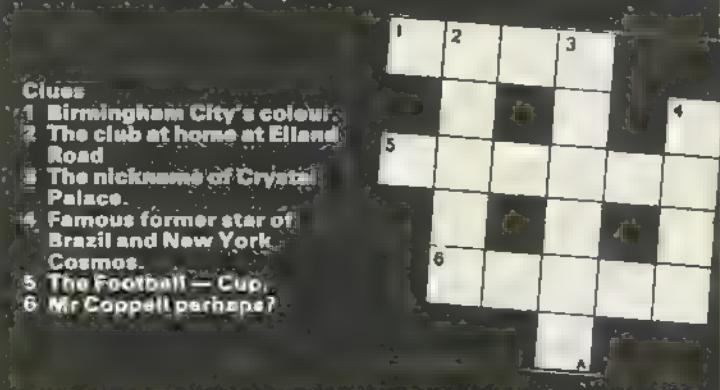


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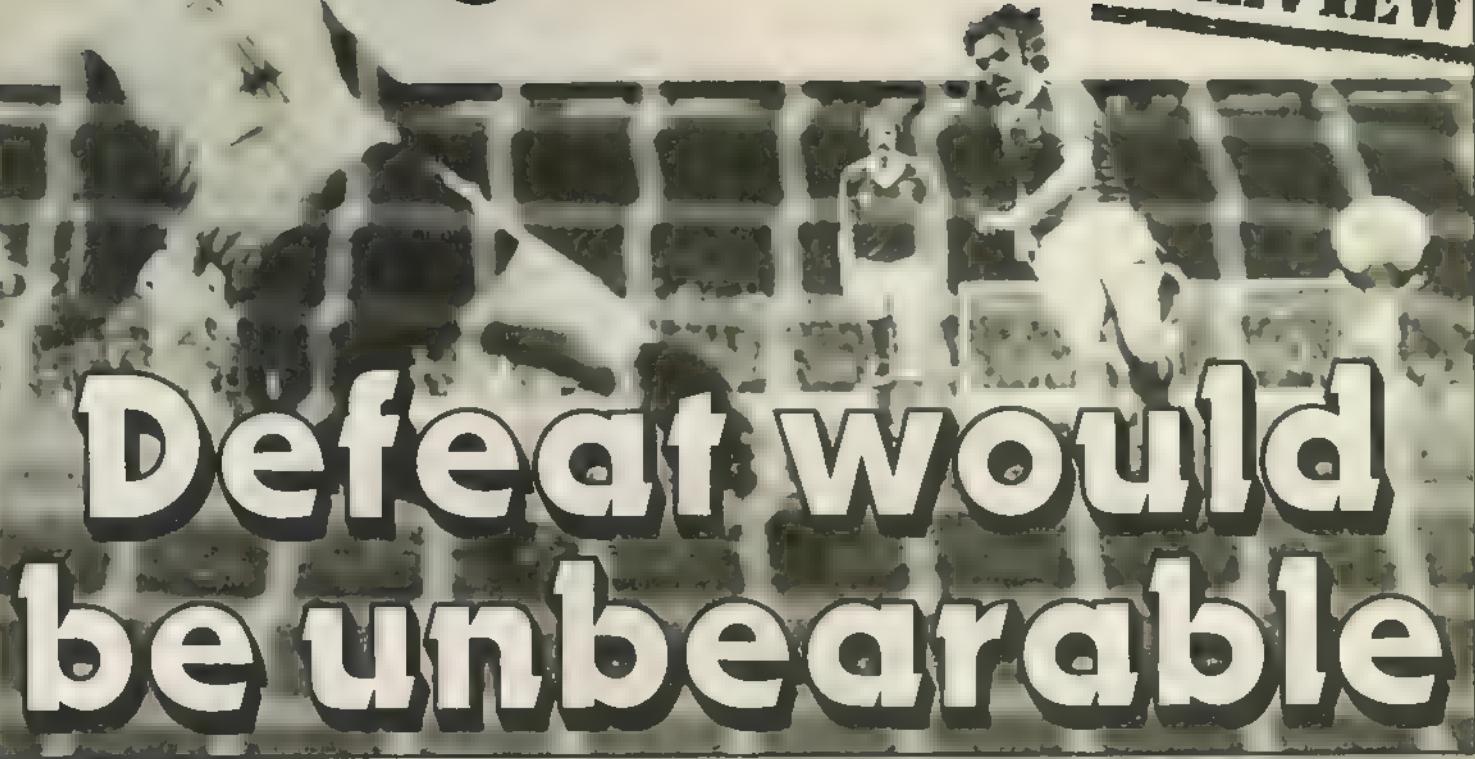
Clues

- 1 Birmingham City's colours
- 2 The club at home at Elland Road
- 3 The nickname of Crystal Palace
- 4 Famous former star of Brazil and New York Cosmos
- 5 The Football — Cup
- 6 Mr Coppell perhaps?

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UEFA CUP
FINAL
PREVIEW



Defeat would be unbearable

IF we don't bring the UEFA Cup home from Holland next Wednesday after our 3-0 home leg victory over AZ Alkmaar then it will be an absolute disaster for the club.

Having suffered the bitter disappointment of narrowly missing out on the FA Cup and the League Championship, it would be almost unbearable to consider finishing a tremendous season without a trophy.

Our impressive 3-0 victory at Portman Road over the new Dutch champions has made our task a little easier in Amsterdam.

But we also realise that it will be important for us to keep a clean sheet during the first half an hour.

On the evidence of their performance in the first leg I honestly can't see them preventing us from winning a European trophy for the first time.

I know they will be a far different proposition over there, but they showed little in midfield and up front where their finishing was disappointing.

They have plenty of skilful players but they will have to show considerable improvement in midfield where they were second best to John Wark, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen in the first leg.

We shall have to keep a watchful eye on the probing runs from the back of Johnny Metgod.

Ipswich and England's Paul Mariner writes just for you

ONE ... John Wark sends AZ 67 keeper Eddy Treytel the wrong way to score his 13th UEFA Cup goal of the season.

TWO ... Dutch master Frans Thijssen beats his fellow countryman Treytel to head home Ipswich Town's second goal.

THREE ... Paul Mariner puts the finishing touch to a magnificent Ipswich performance by flicking home an Alan Brazil cross.

PICTURES BY DUNCAN GIBBETT

And in midfield skipper Jan Peters and Danish international Kristen Nygaard have plenty of class.

But when we have our full side on duty we are a match for any team anywhere and at least we have put Ipswich on the map as a force in Europe.

Our first leg performance was greeted with rave notices but, although it was certainly a good team display, I didn't think it was in the same mould as the 5-0 hammering of Polish side Widzew Lodz in the third round.

As in the first leg, manager Bobby Robson won't need to motivate the players.

We are all keyed up that extra amount because it is our last chance of a trophy this season and we are desperate to give the fans and the club something to remember.



KENNY BURNS

FOREST and SCOTLAND

FACTORY FRESH

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: September 23, 1983
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 10in, 12st 10lb
MARRIED: Yes, to [Kerry](#)

CHILDREN: Emma Louise

CAR: Vauxhall 2008 GLX

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Birmingham, [Brentford](#)

NICKNAME: Burns

WORST EVER INJURY: [Achilles](#)

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

PLAYER AND WHY: [John Hartson](#)

They anywhere and always give

good performance.

FAVOURITE OTHER:

[Bent](#), [Dempsey](#), [Dempsey](#)

FAVOURITE TEAMS: [Brentford](#), [Forest](#)

WHY: [Reindeer](#), [Bent](#), [Hartson](#)

has the best

BEST ALL-TIME TEAM: [Ireland](#)

Jennings, Rooney, Cooper, [Bent](#), Hartson, Charlton J., Bent, Hartson, [Law](#), [Bent](#), [Johnstone](#)

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL X:

[Ireland](#), [Vogts](#), [Bent](#), [Bent](#), [Marinho](#), [Bent](#), [Bent](#), [Bent](#), [Bent](#), [Bent](#), [Bent](#), [Bent](#), [Bent](#)

FAVOURITE AREA:

Street, [Lancaster](#)

FAVOURITE FORMER STADIUM:

WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: [Ibrox](#)

Madrid, [Barcelona](#)

BEST GOAL SCORED: [Barcelona](#), 1-0

feet drive for [Bent](#) from [Tottenham](#)

MOST GOALS: [Barcelona](#), 11

Mullery's [Barcelona](#) penalty

[Leicester](#), 11

MOST DADS:

[Mariner](#)

FAVOURITE TEA:

European Cup Final tea

last season

FAVOURITE COFFEE:

Wolves

FAVOURITE DRINK:

Beer

FAVOURITE HOOKER:

[Bent](#)

LIKES: [Sport](#)

and days off

DISLIKES: ANY [Lips](#)

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FAVOURITE FOOD:

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FAVOURITE DRINK:

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BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:

[Colomb](#) and [John Wayne](#)

MOST FRIEND: [Jimmy](#)

MOST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

family

WHAT DON'T YOU KNOW

FOOTBALL: [Leicester](#)

SUPERSTITIONS:



Kenny Burns parades the European Cup after his

international honours, including

Under-23 and full international caps.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be

international honours, including

Under-23 and full international caps.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To

be a World Cup player

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:

[Dempsey](#) and [Colin Plummer](#)

WHO WOULD YOU MOST

LIKE TO MEET: The tax man

ADVICE TO YOUNG

FOOTBALLERS: Work hard

and be a good person

FAVOURITE TEA:

[Tea](#)

FAVOURITE COFFEE:

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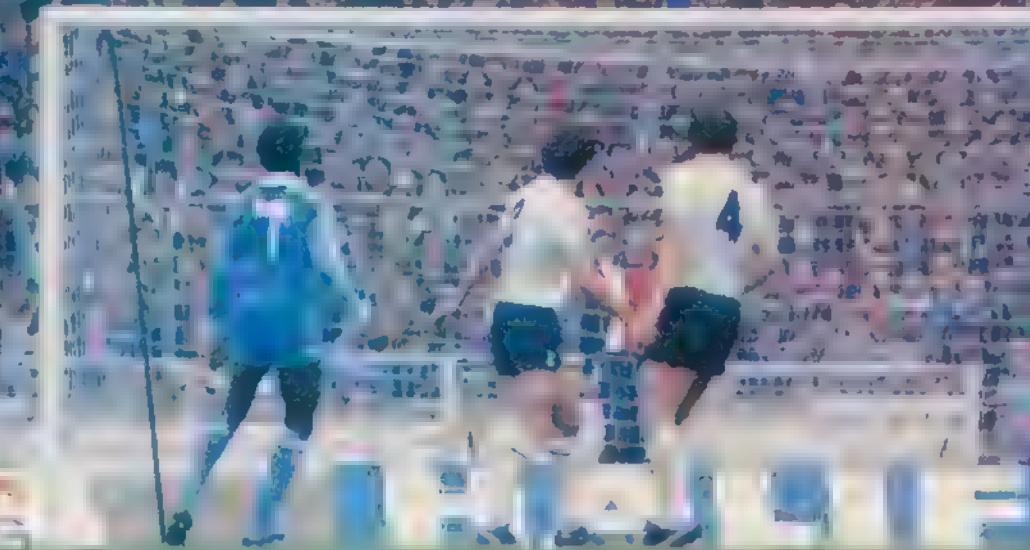
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FOOTBALL: [Leicester](#)

SUPERSTITIONS:





TOP: It's there! Veteran Tommy Hutchison (on ground) sees his header fly past the acrobatic Milić Aleksić and City are one up.

ABOVE: Spurs striker Tony Galvin gets in a cross despite the attentions of Tommy Hutchison, who savoured the sweet taste of scoring City's goal and suffered the sour disappointment of scoring in his own net.

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Reeves 6

Villa 5

Match Rating: ★★

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BELOW Glenn Hoddle blasts his free-kick and (right) celebrates with Garry Brooke (12) after the ball was deflected past Joe Corrigan by Tommy Hutchison

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Galvin 6
Hoddle 7
Crooks 7

(field)



VICTOR VARADI!

Imre Varadi (Everton) v Liverpool, FA Cup Fourth Round, Goodison Park, January 24, 1981.

IT HAS not been a memorable season for Everton, but for Imre Varadi there is one moment he will never forget.

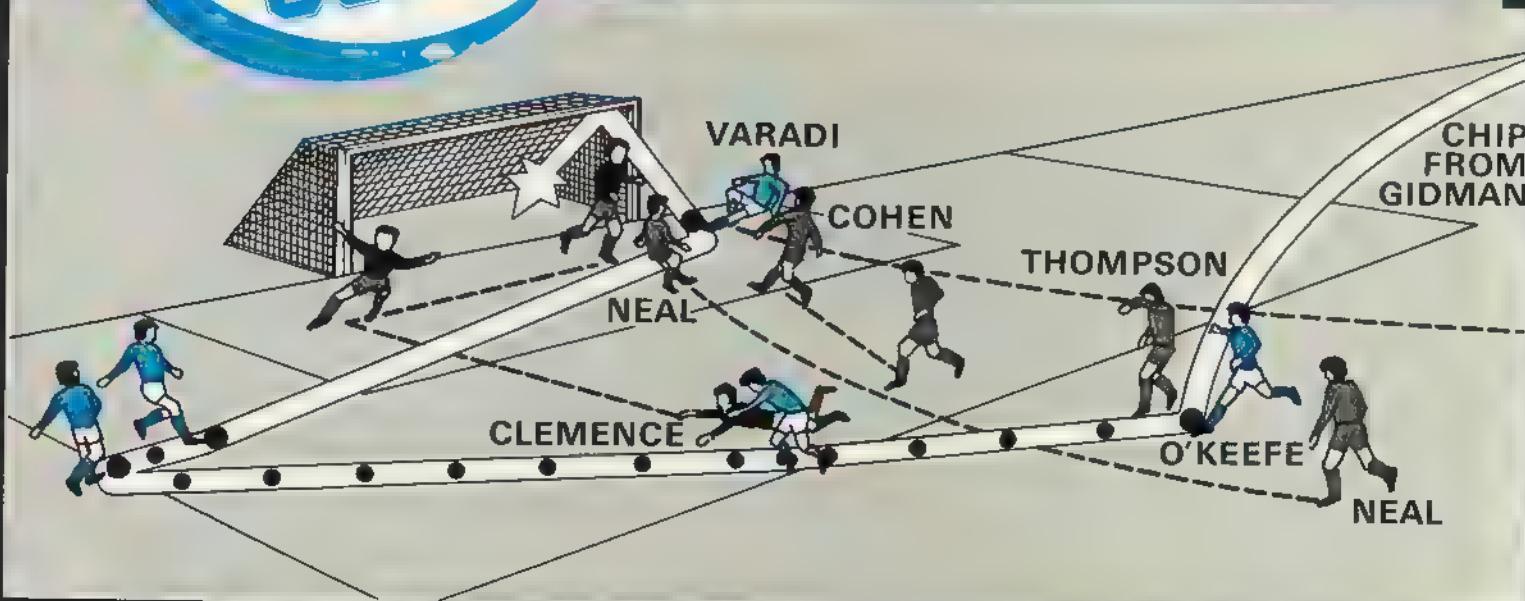
"Just to play in a Merseyside derby is a great experience, but to score the winner in an Everton-Liverpool Cup tie was a feeling that will always stay with me," said the London born striker.

"I had a hand in the start of the move, knocking it back from a throw-in to John Gidman, who hit a long ball forward.

"Eamonn O'Keeffe set off after it and as it came down, Phil Thompson missed his tackle. Ray Clemence forced him wide but he stopped, looked up and saw me make my run to the far post. His cross was pin point for me to stab in.

"I was so excited I lost my head and ran to the nearest section of the crowd with my fists clenched in delight . . . only when I got there I found they were Liverpool fans behind the fence!"

Right: Imre Varadi . . . who recalls how his goal beat Liverpool 2-1.



MICK COOP

'York restored my appetite'

COVENTRY skipper Mick Coop was off-form and out of favour.

With more than 200 League games under his belt he suddenly found himself in the wilderness of reserve team football.

Mick's confidence was at a low ebb . . . but a call from trouble-torn York City soon changed that.

They came in for his services. Mick agreed and never looked back.

It was the start of the 1974-75 season and Mick recalls:

"I was having a bad time and because I was slogging away in the reserves I had begun to

doubt my own ability.

"They were struggling and didn't have a right or left back at the time so their manager Tom Johnston asked me to go there for a month.

"I was happy to accept because they were in the Second Division at the time and I wanted first team action.

"The four games I played did me a power of good. It dispelled all the doubts I'd had in my ability and restored my appetite for the game."

York were so impressed with Mick that they wanted to extend his loan period for another month.

"I declined the offer because I didn't want to spend Christmas away from home," he said.

His renewed enthusiasm helped Mick regain a first team place for Coventry and has seen him notch up over 390 league games in his 18 years at the club.

Right: Mick Coop — York City restored his appetite for the game.

CONTINUING our fascinating series on the men who were once on loan and have since made it back to the big time . . . this week Coventry's Mick Coop and Middlesbrough's Jim Platt.



THE LOANERS



Jim Platt — two enjoyable months with Hartlepool

JIM PLATT

'Two enjoyable months at Hartlepool'

THE career of Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Jim Platt was at its lowest ebb when tiny Hartlepool borrowed him from Middlesbrough nearly three years ago.

He had lost his place in the First Division to new signing Jim Stewart and with three keepers on the books, was getting only one reserve match a fortnight.

But he made it clear to Hartlepool manager Billy Horner that he had no intention of joining them on a permanent basis, even though he was available at £25,000.

"Although I was grateful for the chance of League football, I was ambitious for more than Hartlepool could offer," recalls Jim.

"But at the time I felt it was better playing in front of a few thousand people every week rather than a few hundred every other week."

"I had an enjoyable two months in the Fourth Division with Hartlepool. I remember winning 1-0 at Grimsby, who have only narrowly missed promotion to Division One

this season.

Shortly after returning to Ayresome Park Jim was on the loan train again.

And on that occasion Jim would have been prepared to build a new career at Ninian Park, Cardiff.

"I enjoyed the four matches at Cardiff and might have signed for them had caretaker-manager Richie Morgan got the money."

"He told me he wanted to spend money on other positions so it was back to Middlesbrough again."

Then, after agreeing personal terms with Blackburn, who were then in the Third Division, Jim was suddenly removed from the transfer list by manager John Neal and restored to First Division action.

"Jim Stewart was having a bad time and I was recalled for the match against Aston Villa which we won 2-0."

That was two years ago and since then Jim hasn't looked back.

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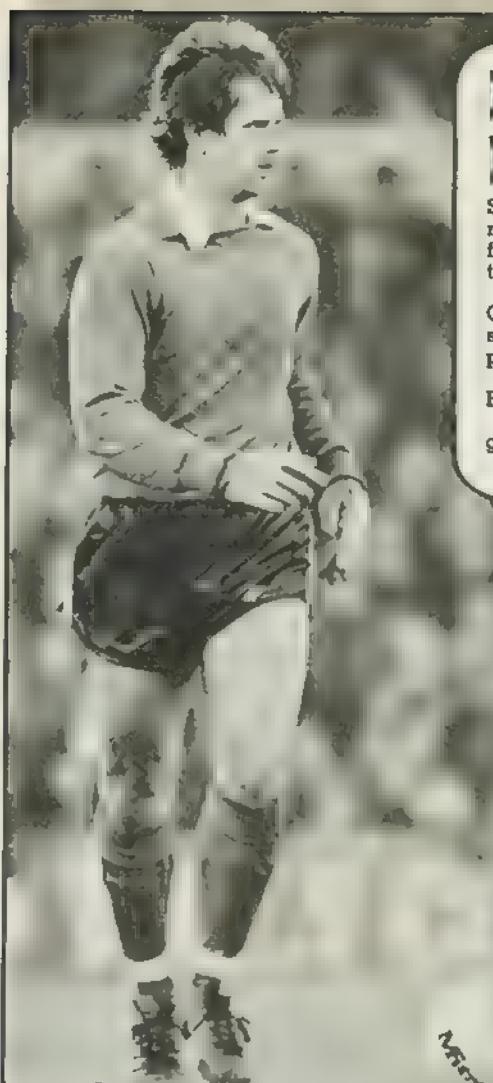
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MATCH WEEKLY



Above: Praise for Stoke goalkeeper Peter Fox from reader Chris Shaw

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FOX IS A FAVOURITE

STOKE'S Lee Chapman and Adrian Heath may have received international recognition, but I believe the form of their goalkeeper Peter Fox has been one of the bright spots of the season.

Peter has been a great favourite at the Victoria Ground for many seasons but this term he's really shown his worth with consistently good performances.

Many Stoke fans are convinced that he's an England 'keeper of the future.

Those hopes may be premature, but I reckon he's got great potential.

Chris Shaw, Liverpool.

SACKED!

What you say about the bosses given the boot . . .

ANOTHER one bites the dust . . . before the season ended three more managers, Ken Knighton, Dave Sexton and Geoff Hurst, were sacked as managers of Sunderland, Man. Utd. and Chelsea.

Ritchie hat-trick came too late

SUNDERLAND didn't give Ken Knighton a fair crack of the whip.

He was under pressure from the board as soon as results started to go wrong and wasn't really given a proper chance.

Rumour has it that he was sacked because his big money buys didn't produce the goods.

I wonder if the board would have sacked him if Tom Ritchie had scored his hat-trick earlier in the season.

Stuart Holt, Seaham, Co. Durham.

Chelsea's sad loss

CHELSEA will regret the day they sacked Geoff Hurst.

He's a fine manager and didn't deserve the treatment he got at Stamford Bridge.

The board's attitude is appalling. They gave him neither money or time.

He'll be sadly missed and Chelsea's loss will be some other team's gain.

Mark Patterson, Bentley, Farnham, Surrey.

Sunderland wrong

KEN Knighton has every right to feel disappointed after his sacking at Sunderland.

He's kept them in the top flight this season which was the most a newly-promoted team can expect.

Paul Mirfield, Morpeth, Northumberland.

OFFER: About thirty Cardiff City programmes, 1974-76.

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Douglas Gentles, 16 Bargoed St,

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'Big clubs don't bother me' says Alan Cork

WHEN the champagne corks popped after Wimbledon's promotion-clinching win over Rochdale, one of the toasts was to none other than Alan Cork.

While the striker is quick to play down his role in the club's second promotion success from the Fourth Division in three seasons, there's no doubt that his scoring touch has been a major factor.

Alan, second top scorer in the division with 26 goals, has popped in more than 80 for the London club in three full seasons.

Yet still the big clubs don't seem impressed.

But the former Derby forward isn't at all bothered about the lack of interest.

"I'm quite content to go on scoring goals for Wimbledon because I like the club," said Alan.

"Obviously it is every player's ambition to play in the First Division, win honours and figure in a cup final, but I'm not losing any sleep over it."

"It would be nice to think that perhaps Wimbledon might one day be among the big names."

Wimbledon came straight back down in the 1979-80 season, but Alan, the club's top scorer for the past three years, thinks they will survive next season.

"We gave away far too many goals last time and subsequently finished bottom."

"This season we have tightened up at



Above: Wimbledon striker Alan Cork in action: "It's every player's ambition to play in the First Division but I'm not losing my sleep over it."

the back with Tommy Cunningham and Mike Smith playing major roles."

That statement is borne out by facts. In '79-80 Wimbledon conceded 81 goals, but in the season just finished they let in only 42.

"I'm not going to say we will do really well in the Third, but when we were last there we thought Rotherham were the worst side we played . . . this year they have been promoted," adds Alan, who left a job in a building society to sign for Derby County.

"There's not a lot of difference between the two divisions, although there are a lot of bad teams in the Fourth."

One of the other toasts on 'promotion night' was to manager Dave Bassett who has enjoyed remarkable success since taking over from Crystal Palace-bound Dario Gradi at the end of January.

Then Wimbledon were in mid-table, six points adrift of the promotion zone, but they collected 28 points from the next 18 matches to go up.

"Dave has done a tremendous job, although we were confident of getting promotion even when in mid-table because we had matches in hand," says Alan, who left Derby three years ago without managing to break into senior football.

Left: David Bassett — remarkable success since taking over the hot seat at Wimbledon.



After leaving London behind, former Chelsea striker **TREVOR AYLOTT** has

No regrets at



WHEN Trevor Aylott left the bright lights of London for the industrial north of Barnsley it was beyond his wildest thoughts that within 18 months he would be facing his former club Chelsea in the Second Division.

But with Norman Hunter's Barnsley side back in Division Two for the first time since 1959 and with Chelsea resigned to another campaign there, striker Trevor is looking forward to a nostalgic return to Stamford Bridge next season.

As he recalls "When I came to Barnsley they were only midway in Division Three and Chelsea looked set for a quick return to the First Division.

"I'm not sure what my feelings will be.

"I had some happy times at Stamford Bridge, particularly in

the First Division because that's the place to be.

"But I can guarantee the fans that I'll be looking for a goal."

The London born forward has never regretted his move, although he admits it took some pretty persuasive talking by the then manager Allan Clarke to clinch the deal.

"I was on the transfer list and Barnsley were the first side to come in for me.

"It was a big wrench to leave London for a small place like Barnsley, but the manager was ambitious for the club, and that has been proved right.

"Allan did a terrific job in getting Barnsley promoted from the Fourth in his first season, and Norman Hunter has carried on since Allan moved to Leeds.

"They both like discipline in the side, although Norman appears to be slightly more attack minded in his approach.

Barnsley

"I think we proved we were the best footballing side in the Third Division in the season just finished."

Now it's the Second Division and the £60,000 striker believes Barnsley will be a force.

"I think the Second Division will suit us better than the Third because we are a footballing side and you get a little more time in the Second to play football.

"Apart from West Ham, the Second has been pretty even with as many as ten teams battling for promotion, so there is no reason why we shouldn't

do well.

And is it possible that Barnsley might even overtake Chelsea and reach the dizzy heights of the First Division for the first time?

"Why not?" says Trevor "Grimsby came close after getting promotion, so it is possible.

"And if we are doing well we'll get the crowds.

"We've been averaging around 12,000 and we had nearly 26,000 when we clinched promotion by defeating local rivals Rotherham."



...from the dressing room on the day they clinched promotion to the Second Division.

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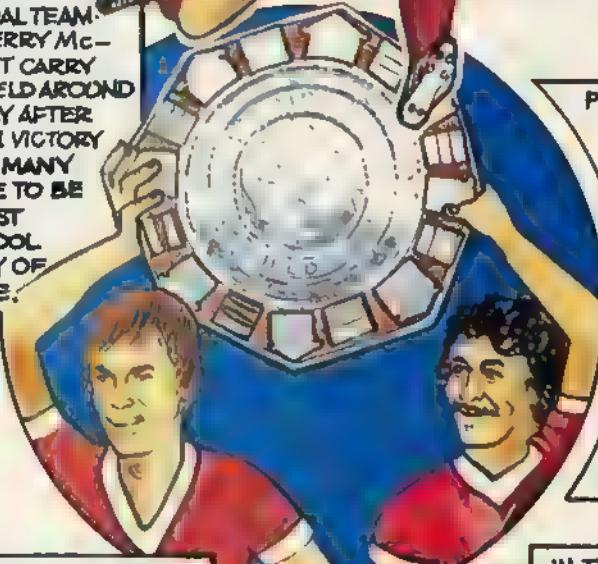
PART 18

KENNY & HIS TWO GOAL TEAM MATE TERRY McDERMOTT CARRY THE SHIELD AROUND WEMBLEY AFTER THE 3-1 VICTORY & WHAT MANY BELIEVE TO BE THE BEST LIVERPOOL DISPLAY OF ALL TIME.

AS A RESULT THEY QUALIFIED TO MEET FA CUP WINNERS ARSENAL FOR THE CHARITY SHIELD AT WEMBLEY - KENNY SCORING THE SECOND LIVERPOOL GOAL CUTTING INTO BEAT PAT JENNINGS.

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THE STORY SO FAR... THE FORMER CELTIC STAR HAS SCORED 21 LEAGUE GOALS AS LIVERPOOL REGAIN THE 1978 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP - CONCEDED FEWEST GOALS WHILE GAINING THE MOST EVER POINTS.



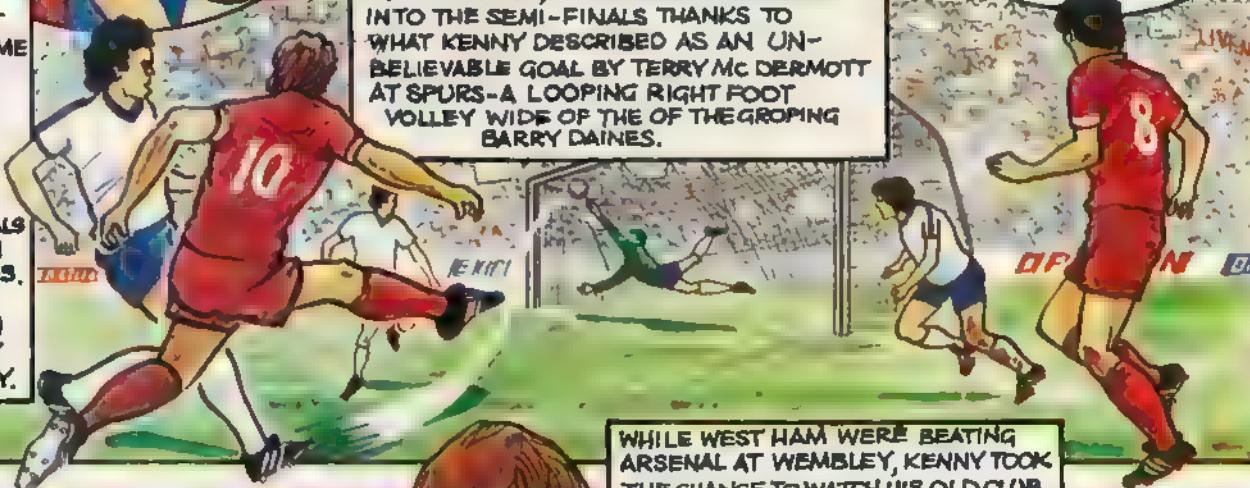
LIVERPOOL LOST 3-0 THAT NIGHT TO GO OUT OF THE CUP. BACK HOME THEY WERE HAVING A GOOD RUN IN BOTH LEAGUE & CUPS. FINALLY HOWEVER IN JANUARY '79 FOREST BEAT THEM IN THE LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS THANKS TO TWO JOHN ROBERTSON PENALTIES. BUT WOLVES ENDED FOREST'S DOMINATION WITH AN ANDY GRAY WINNER AT WEMBLEY.

PRIOR TO THE EUROPEAN CUP-TIE IN THE RUSSIAN CITY OF TBILISI THE LIVERPOOL PLAYERS - INCLUDING KENNY & ROOMMATE GRAEME SOULESS WERE WOKEN BY A DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THEIR HOTEL AT 4 AM.

I THOUGHT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE BANNED IN RUSSIA.

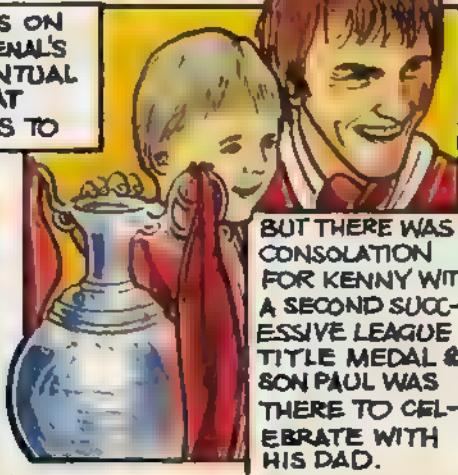
THEY ARE. BUT THIS ONE'S OBVIOUSLY TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET TOO MUCH SLEEP BEFORE THE MATCH.

IN THE FA CUP, LIVERPOOL STORMED INTO THE SEMI-FINALS THANKS TO WHAT KENNY DESCRIBED AS AN UNBELIEVABLE GOAL BY TERRY McDERMOTT AT SPURS - A LOOPING RIGHT FOOT VOLLEY WIDE OF THE OF THE GROPPING BARRY DAINES.

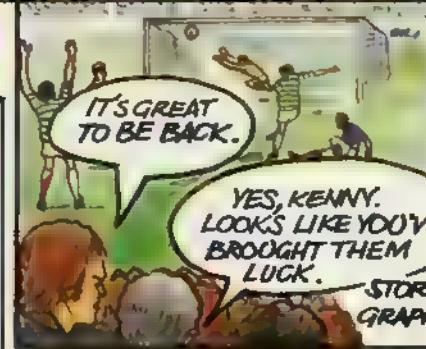


WHILE WEST HAM WERE BEATING ARSENAL AT WEMBLEY, KENNY TOOK THE CHANCE TO WATCH HIS OLD CLUB CELTIC BEAT RANGERS IN THE SCOTTISH CUP FINAL. THE WINNER CAME FROM GEORGE McCCLUSKEY IN EXTRA TIME.

ONE OF THE LONGEST SEMI-FINALS ON RECORD FOLLOWED, BEFORE ARSENAL'S BRIAN TALBOT HEADED THE EVENTUAL WINNER IN THE THIRD REPLAY AT COVENTRY TO SEND THE GUNNERS TO WEMBLEY.



BUT THERE WAS CONSOLATION FOR KENNY WITH A SECOND SUCCESSIVE LEAGUE TITLE MEDAL & SON PAUL WAS THERE TO CELEBRATE WITH HIS DAD.

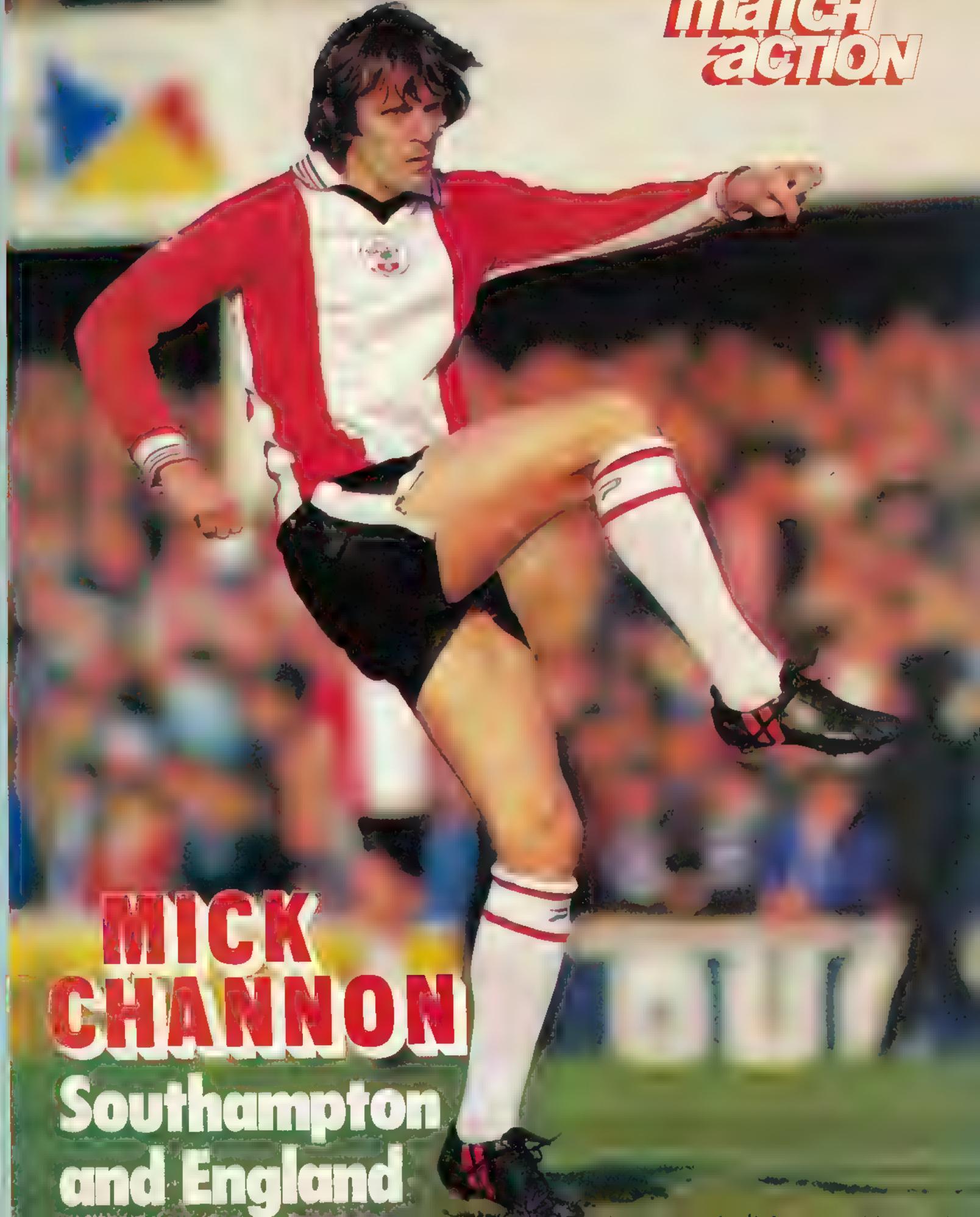


NEXT WEEK

BACK ON THE WEMBLEY TRAIL.

STORY BOB WARTERS
GRAPHICS BOBBY GIBSON

**match
action**



**MICK
CHANNON**
Southampton
and England

WE'LL BE STRAIGHT BACK!



says Leicester marksman **JIM MELROSE**

LEICESTER will bounce straight back into Division One next season.

That's the confident prediction of leading scorer Jim Melrose, who is convinced that the young side deserves to be a First Division club. "Any side that can complete the double over Liverpool, beat Tottenham, Arsenal and Manchester United and play Nottingham Forest off the park can't be that bad," says the Scottish striker.

"But for some unknown reason we failed to raise our game against the struggling teams.

"Everybody keeps saying we caught Liverpool on their off day, but anyone who saw those matches will tell you that we deserved to win."

Jim, whose winning goal at Anfield ended Liverpool's proud 85-game unbeaten home run, still thought escape was possible right up until Easter when they lost a crucial match at Brighton.

"If we had won that game, I'm sure we would have stayed up."

"We had been picking up some very good points from the end of January," says Jim.

"In fact, had we started our improved run around Christmas I'm sure we would

Hi I'm a 16 year old boy from the UK. I suppose who would like a pen pal from my place in the world to exchange letters and badges. Derek S. 16

My name is Huddleston and I am 14. I would like a pen pal or friend of the same age who supports any team. David Horn, 14, Pow, Va.

Pen Pals

A black and white portrait of a young man with short, dark, curly hair. He has a neutral expression and is looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a light-colored, patterned shirt with a visible collar. The background is dark and indistinct. In the bottom left corner, there is a graphic element consisting of a white starburst shape with a blue border, containing the number '5' in a bold, black font.

Left: Jim Melrose . . . "Any team who can complete the double over Liverpool can't be that bad!"

Above: Larry May . . . has done well at the centre of the defence.

still be in the First Division.
"We had an awful lot of ground to make up after a bad start when

inexperience and difficulty in finding our feet in the division left us lagging.

'The lads are looking forward to the challenge of getting promotion next season.'

And, as Jim points out, the First Division is the place to be.
"I would not have missed the experience for the world. It took me time to settle but since Christmas things have gone well.

"I struck up a good understanding with Alan Young and the team also started to play well.

And several of the young Leicester players have grown in stature which Jim believes will stand them in good stead next season.

"Young Paul Friar has done really well at left back, Andy Peake bounced back to form after a lean mid-season spell and Larry May and John O'Neill have done well at the back."

After his brief flirtation with the First Division, Jim bows out, temporarily he hopes, with the vision of his Anfield winner still uppermost in his mind.

"That's a game I'm not likely to forget in a hurry, particularly as I also put the ball into my own goal to give Liverpool the lead."

I'm rooting for Liverpool!

I DON'T know what seat Bob Paisley sat on in Munich when Liverpool beat Bayern to go through to the European Cup Final . . . but I wonder if it was the one I had when we beat Malmö in the final in 1979.

Because in Cologne that same night Bobby Robson tells me he sat in exactly the same place as I did when we beat the Germans to reach our first European Cup Final.

I met Bobby recently and he told me the tale. Evidently, when he walked out on to the pitch someone pointed out to him where Peter Taylor and I had sat the night we defeated Cologne 1-0.

And Robson's reply was: "Get me the same seat that Cloughie had!"

It's a nice little story but I'm the last to be convinced that sitting on a seat had anything to do with the achievements of Liverpool and Ipswich against the alleged cream of Europe.

When we faced Cologne in their own back yard, we were being written off after we had drawn the first leg 3-3 at the City Ground.

We were also written off without a hope when we met more German strength in the shape of Kevin Keegan's Hamburg in last year's European Cup Final.

But on both occasions we showed that we could more than match the best that Germany had to offer.

And that's just what Liverpool and Ipswich set out to do . . . and achieved.

I had hoped to be in Paris for the final — my wife loves the place and she was going to see the sights while I went to the match — but it's just not possible to be at the Liverpool — Real Madrid clash.

I had a sneak preview of what Liverpool must contend with when we went to Spain to play Real Madrid in a friendly last weekend

But I'll be rooting for Liverpool in the final because between us we have already kept the trophy in England for four years and a fifth would be very nice.

It was a marvellous achievement for Liverpool to qualify, but I sensed they might be on to something after the semi-final first leg — even though they were held to a draw at Anfield by Bayern Munich.

When I heard a television interview with Paul Breitner, the suggestion from the Germans was that it was all but over.

When Tony Woodcock was interviewed after the Ipswich-Cologne first leg, he didn't go as far as Breitner, but at the same time it's situations like that when it's best to say absolutely nowt!

Bayern appeared confident and arrogant but they were put firmly in their place.

Now I'm expecting Liverpool to do exactly the same to Real Madrid.

Jock's young tigers will return

I MUST admit to feeling sorry for Jock Wallace, whose Leicester side have just taken the immediate return journey back into the Second Division.

Although they have been relegated, they have lost no pride at all.

Certainly in the games that we played against them Jock Wallace's young tigers proved themselves to be a totally determined and honest side.

We beat them 5-0 at our place early in the season, and my memory of them is trying right to the final whistle.

When we went to Filbert Street they were really battling against relegation and it wasn't until the last minute or so that we grabbed a point.

From what I've seen — and heard — I see no reason why Leicester should not fight their way back to the First Division as quickly as they have gone down.

The Leicester board have put their total faith in Jock Wallace and it will be rewarded.

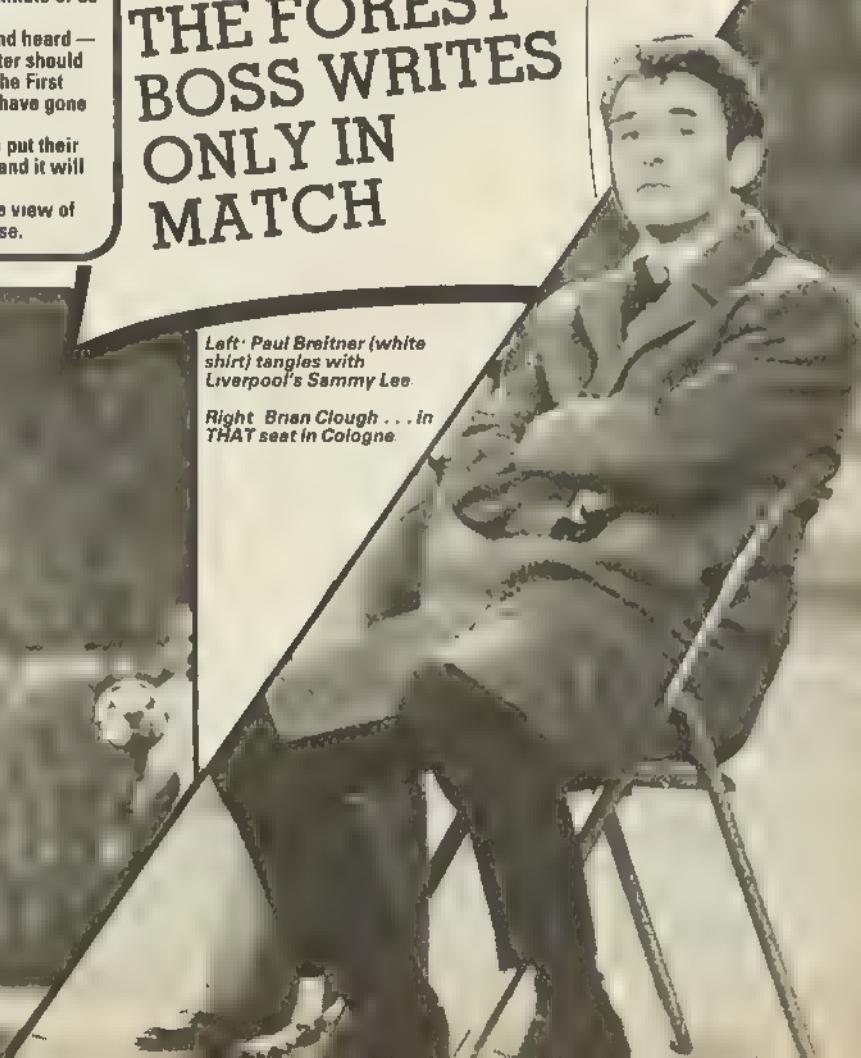
• See facing page for the view of Leicester striker Jim Melrose.

CLOUGH

THE FOREST
BOSS WRITES
ONLY IN
MATCH

Left: Paul Breitner (white shirt) tangles with Liverpool's Sammy Lee.

Right: Brian Clough . . . in THAT seat in Cologne.



That was the week that was

(May 16-22)

IT was on May 22 last year that Aston Villa manager Ron Saunders made probably his most shrewdest signing.

That was when he splashed out a club record fee of £500,000 for Newcastle striker Peter Withe (left).

And the former Nottingham Forest man has repaid a large chunk of that fee with some impressive performances this season for the First Division Champions.

Here are some more memory joggers from this corresponding week in years gone by:

May 16, 1974 . . . Stan Bowles walks out on the England

squad . . . 1980 Northern Ireland win a Home Championship match for the first time in five years by beating Scotland 1-0.

May 17, 1975 . . . Colin Viljoen makes his debut for England in goalless draw against Northern Ireland, while Brian Flynn scores his first goal for Wales in 2-2

draw with Scotland in Cardiff . . . 1977 Ally McLeod takes over from Willie Ormond as Scotland's team manager . . . 1979 Liverpool complete a record points haul of 68 following 3-0 win at Leeds . . . 1980 Wales defeat England 4-1 at Wrexham, their first win over England on Welsh soil for 25 years.

May 18, 1974 . . . Scotland defeat England 2-0 at Hampden to share the Home Championship with their great rivals, and David Smallman scores Wales' first goal in the competition for four years to defeat Northern Ireland.

May 19, 1973 . . . Martin Peters gets England's winner against Scotland.



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A day out with **JOE GALLAGHER**



Above right: Joe and Stephen enjoy a meal in a Birmingham restaurant before their tour of the ground.

Above: . . . Joe and Stephen in the St Andrews car park before their sightseeing tour of St Andrews.

Right Here's where I watch you . . .
Stephen and Joe pose in front of the spot
where the youngster watches his
favourite team.



BIRMINGHAM CITY fanatic Stephen Williams usually watches his hero Joe Gallagher from the terraces at St Andrews.

But Match Weekly gave the Hay Mills, Birmingham, youngster a chance to meet the England B international when he won a competition to pick an England team.

Stephen, who lives a stone's throw away from the First Division ground, met the Birmingham skipper for lunch before Joe took him on a tour of St Andrews.

And to make his day complete Joe presented his fan with two tickets for his testimonial game against First Division champions Aston Villa as well as some Birmingham souvenirs.

Match Weekly photographer Duncan Cubitt was there to record the day of a lifetime for 'The Blues' fan.

LUTON TOWN

Programme Guide

HATS off to Luton Town's attractive match day programme 'The Hatter'.

The progressive club, who have challenged for promotion to the First Division all season, certainly produce a colourful magazine that compares favourably with its counterparts in the top flight.

We looked at the programme for the home game against Newcastle and were impressed by its content and presentation.

Apart from the programme insert it contained 20 action-packed pages of interest to Luton fans and cost 30p.

A thoughtful addition for the younger fans at Kenilworth Road was a page comic strip featuring the 'Hatters' own football hero 'Bobbin Dino'.

There was also a page of junior news, so it's obvious the club take their young following seriously.

Regular columns from manager David Pleat, the secretary and commercial manager keep the fans informed of the behind the scenes activities.

Star rating guide:

***** Superb **** Good

*** Satisfactory ** Poor * Terrible

How the Luton programme fared:

Content: ****; Pictures: ****;

Information: ****; Entertainment: ****;

Colour: ***; Value for money: ****



NEXT WEEK

Matchmen of the month

Announcing Match Weekly's final 'Matchmen of the Month' awards of the season.

The awards are made according to the marks awarded to individual players in our exclusive Match Facts section.

Each of the five divisional winners will receive a special inscribed plaque and a cheque for £100.

'Shaker' shines

BURY may not have been in the chase for honours this season, but at least 'Shaker's' defender Alan Whitehead has picked up an award.

He was the Fourth Division's top player last month with four star ratings in his club's five matches, putting him ahead of players from three of the promoted clubs, Wimbledon, Southend and Doncaster.

FOURTH DIVISION

Alan Whitehead	Bury	5	8.00
Steve Galliers	Wimbledon	4	7.75
Anton Oulakowski	Southend	5	7.60
Steve Lister	Doncaster	4	7.50
Alex Cribley	Wigan	4	7.50
Steve Phillips	Northampton	4	7.50
Glynn Snodin	Doncaster	4	7.50

THIRD DIVISION

Gordon Staniforth	Carlisle	5	7.60
Rodney Fern	Rotherham	6	7.50
Alan Crawford	Chesterfield	4	7.50
Gary Roberts	Brentford	5	7.40
John Aldridge	Newport	5	7.40
Terry Pashley	Blackpool	5	7.40

Right: Carlisle's record signing

Gordon Staniforth was the Third Division's top player.

Below: Terry Curran, the dashing Sheffield Wednesday winger.



TERRY'S GOLD!

TERRY Curran, Sheffield Wednesday's crowd-pleasing winger, was easily the most outstanding player in the Second Division last month.

He picked up four star ratings in Wednesday's six matches for an average mark of 8.18, putting him ahead of Luton forward Ricky Hill.

Grimsby, who narrowly missed promotion, have two players, skipper Joe Waters and defender Clive Wigginton, in the top six.

SECOND DIVISION

Terry Curran	Sheff. Wed.	6	8.16
Ricky Hill	Luton	6	7.83
Joe Waters	Grimsby	6	7.66
Kevin Mabbett	Bristol City	4	7.50
Clive Wigginton	Grimsby	6	7.50
Roger Gibbons	Cambridge	4	7.50



Liverpool v Real Madrid

KEVIN KEEGAN

examines Liverpool's European Cup Final chances against mighty Real Madrid

Plus

CARLOS SANTILLANA (Real Madrid) and ALAN HANSEN (Liverpool) in colour

ENGLAND v SCOTLAND

Key players from both sides talk about the Wembley clash
AND
The best of enemies... meet the clubmates who are international rivals.

SUPER SHILTON

ENGLAND goalkeeper Peter Shilton, who could be on the move from Nottingham Forest before the start of next season, is our final First Division 'Matchman of the Month' winner this term.

He collected three star ratings in five Forest outings in April to just pip Southampton's young midfield talent Steve Williams for the honour.

Both had an average mark of 8.00, but Peter played more matches and collected more star awards than England Under-21 international Steve.

Filling the next two places were former winners Glenn Hoddle, the Tottenham midfield artist, and Liverpool's ace striker Kenny Dalglish.

FIRST DIVISION

Player	Club	Games	Aver
Peter Shilton	Nott'm Forest	5	8.00
Steve Williams	Southampton	3	8.00
Glenn Hoddle	Tottenham	5	7.80
Kenny Dalglish	Liverpool	5	7.80
Peter Withe	Aston Villa	6	7.50
Ray Clemence	Liverpool	67.50	

TOP MARK

ABERDEEN striker Mark McGhee was the Scottish Premier's top player last month.

He had three star ratings from six matches to edge out Celtic's Murdo McLeod.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Mark McGhee	Aberdeen	6	7.66
Murdo McLeod	Celtic	3	7.66
David Narey	Dundee United	5	7.60
Danny McGrain	Celtic	4	7.50

England and Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Peter Shilton topped the First Division last month.



ENGLAND v BRAZIL

Action pictures from our Wembley showdown with the three-times World Cup winners

STAR WARS

Don't miss our action-packed picture special

'GIVE ME FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL'

Pleads scoring machine Tony Kellow

THOSE UNSUNG HEROES OF VILLA PARK

by League Champions' skipper Dennis Mortimer

ROLL OF HONOUR

Here's the full list of this season's divisional monthly winners together with their ratings.

August:	
Asa Hartford (Everton)	7.80
Trevor Brooking (West Ham)	8.00
Colin Morris (Blackpool)	8.14
Mick Hartford (Lincoln)	7.71
Tommy Burns (Celtic)	7.50

September:	
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	8.00
John Chiedozie (Orient)	7.80
Colin Morris (Blackpool)	8.20
Steve Phillips (Northampton)	8.14
Davie Cooper (Rangers)	7.50

October:	
Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham)	8.00
Howard Kendall (Blackburn)	8.33
Martin Dobson (Burnley)	7.83
Bobby Kerr (Hartlepool)	8.00
Alex McLeish (Aberdeen)	7.66

November:	
Craig Johnston (while with Middlesbrough)	8.50
Brian Stein (Luton)	7.66
Ronnie Glavin (Barnsley)	7.75
Mick Harford (While with Lincoln)	8.00
Andie Ritchie (Morton)	7.33

December:	
Mike Robinson (Brighton)	7.80
Roy McFarland (Derby)	8.00
Tony Towner (Rotherham)	8.00
Mark Chamberlain (Port Vale)	8.33
Alex McDonald (Hearts)	8.00

January:	
Kenny Burns (Nott'm Forest)	8.00
Alan Devonsire (West Ham)	8.42
Tony Kellow (Exeter)	7.83
Steve Galliers (Wimbledon)	8.20
Eamonn Bannon (Dundee United)	8.00

February:	
Steve McMahon (Everton)	8.33
Trevor Brooking (West Ham)	8.20
Gerry Forrest (Rotherham)	8.33
Mick Gynn (Peterborough)	8.00
Tommy Burns (Celtic)	7.66

March:	
Joe Jordan (Man Utd)	8.00
Gerry Francis (QPR)	8.25
Keith Oakes (Newport)	8.00
Vince O'Keefe (Torquay)	8.25

DEREK'S DELIGHT

Leeds striker Derek Parlane relives his Golden goal against Coventry

CHARLTON ATHLETIC



match

Photocall

BOUND for the Second Division next season are Charlton Athletic. Back row (left to right) Martin Robinson, Gary Churchouse, Martin Taylor, Nicky Johnn, Jeff Wood, Frank Clark, Steve Gritt.

Middle row — Ian Suttor (coach), Phil Walker, Paul Lazarus, Dansk Heiles, Lawrie Madden, Les Berry, Peter Shaw, Colin Powell, Tony Hazel, Johnny Ostergaard, Mike Bailey (in goal).

Front row — Paul Walsh, Richard Wilson (playing in Finland), Kevin Smith, Dick Tydeman, Viggo Jacobsen, Phil Werman, Kevin Dickenson.